

# Priorities of the 2005 legislative session

## Below are some of my ideas on these issues:

### Improving Health Care Affordability

- Small employers should be able to purchase health insurance for themselves and their employees and families through the programs administered through the state.
- Require large employers with over 100 employees to provide health insurance to their employees.

### Covering Children

- We need to reduce the downward trend of uninsured kids by building upon and strengthening employer-sponsored health insurance coverage, other sources of private coverage, and publicly-supported children's health insurance programs in Washington.
- Eliminate health care premiums for low-income children in our safety net programs.

### Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs

- With costs up to 80 percent lower across the border, our state could save millions, and our seniors wouldn't have to choose between food or heat and the medications they need by allowing reimportation of prescription drugs from Canada.
- The state Health Care Authority should be allowed to develop a prescription drug-buying group, which private companies, unions and individuals could join. We could potentially save millions more by pooling our purchasing power and buying prescription drugs in bulk.

### Improving access to education and workforce training

- Current over-enrollments at our schools and local colleges are limiting the options of our future workforce and stretching our school employees too thin. To find solutions to this problem, we have assembled a bi-partisan committee to study the long-term funding needs of our K-12 and higher education systems.

- I also support allowing school to pass levies by a simple majority rather than a 60 percent margin. It is the right and fair thing to do. Those who vote in favor of our schools deserve to have their vote count as much as a "no" vote.

- I will also personally be exploring opportunities to expand access to workforce training

### Protecting Washington's jobs

- By expanding the Apprenticeship program, we can ensure that our construction industry has an increasing supply of skilled workers
- The state can also do more to make sure that taxpayer dollars aren't contributing to any loss of jobs by restricting the outsourcing of state contracts overseas.
- We must also build upon our transportation infrastructure to ensure our economy doesn't stall because of congestion on our roadways.

### Honoring those who serve

We're working on legislation for veterans from all branches of the military in order to improve the safety net for troops when their service ends.

- Expanding tuition waivers that schools can offer for families of veterans killed or totally disabled in action.
- Ensuring that services are provided for indigent veterans and their families.
- Providing a life insurance policy for National Guard members called to active duty with a benefit of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.
- Creating the office of National Guard Ombudsman for the purpose of helping National Guard members and their dependents find needed services like marriage support, health care, pension and salary issues, and job issues.

### What do you think?

Please let me know by your ideas on legislation by contacting my office or attending the town hall meetings.

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State Representative  
Steve Conway invites you  
to a 29<sup>th</sup> District Town Hall  
meeting on the 2005  
Legislative Session.

**Thursday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30-8:30 pm

**Saturday,  
March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
10am to 12pm

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# **Representative Steve Conway**

## **29th District Town Hall Meetings**

*Save  
the  
Date!*

### **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Parkland/Spanaway Library  
13718 Pacific Ave. S.  
Tacoma, WA 98444  
6:30-8:30 pm

### **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Bates Technical College  
South Campus Cafeteria  
2201 S. 78th St  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
10am to 12pm

State Representative Steve Conway invites you to attend Town Hall Meetings, with Senator Rosa Franklin.

Please come to share your views on important issues for the 2005 Legislative Session including:

- Managing the state budget problems
- Creating and protecting family-wage jobs
- Improving access to affordable, quality health care
- Increasing our investment in education and workforce training

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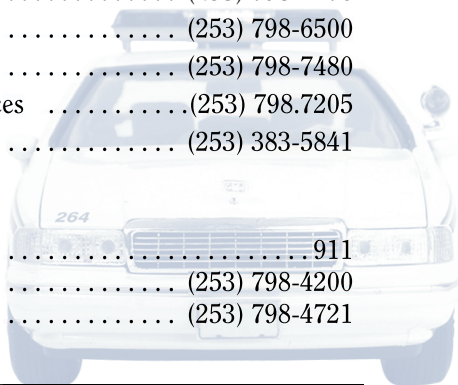
House Democratic Caucus Web Site: ..... [www.hdc.wa.gov](http://www.hdc.wa.gov)  
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State of Washington Web Site ..... [www.access.wa.gov](http://www.access.wa.gov)

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Auditor: ..... (253) 798-3189  
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Sheriff: ..... (253) 798-7540  
Parks & Recreation General Info: ..... (253) 798-4176  
Health Department ..... (253) 798-6500  
Human Resources ..... (253) 798-7480  
Pierce County Department of Community Services ..... (253) 798.7205  
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Tacoma ..... (253) 798-4721



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Lakewood .....	(253) 582-4600
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Parkland/Spanaway .....	(253) 531-4656
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Adoption .....	1-800-562-5682
Aging & Adult Services .....	1-800-422-3263
AIDS/HIV Info .....	1-800-272-AIDS
Alcohol & Tobacco Complaints .....	1-888-838-3956
ARC of Washington .....	1-888-754-8798
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Bio-terrorism Info Hotline .....	1-800-556-8744
Blind Hotline .....	1-800-552-7103
Burn Ban & Smog Watch Info .....	1-800-595-434
Business Assistance Hotline .....	1-800-237-1233
Center for Disease Control .....	1-888-246-2675
Charitable Solicitation Info .....	1-800-332-4483
Child Support Enforcement .....	1-800-729-7580
Children's Services (DSHS) .....	1-800-562-5624
Crime Victim's Advocacy .....	1-800-822-1067
Consumer Check on Contractors (L&I) .....	1-800-647-0982
Consumer Protection (AGO) .....	1-800-551-4636
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Department of Labor & Industries Client Relations Hotline (Worker's Compensation Claims Industrial Insurance Fraud) .....	1-800-547-8367
Department of Transportation (DOT) .....	1-800-368-2559
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Domestic Violence Hotline (DSHS) .....	1-800-562-6025
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Emission Control (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-272-3780
Family & Children's Ombudsman (GOV) . . . . .	1-800-571-7321
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Health Consumer Assistance . . . . .	1-800-525-0127
Health Facilities and Services Complaints (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-633-6828
Human Rights Commission (HRC) . . . . .	1-800-233-3247
Independent Living Council . . . . .	1-800-624-4105
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Medicaid Information (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-3022
Metro Rider Info . . . . .	1-800-542-7876
Missing Children Clearinghouse (WSP) . . . . .	1-800-543-5678
Natural Resources (DNR) . . . . .	1-800-527-3305
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Park Information, State (P&R Reservations) . . . . .	1-888-226-7688
Pass Reports (DOT) . . . . .	1-800-695-7623
Planned Parenthood . . . . .	1-800-230-7526
Provider Billing (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6188
Public Disclosure Commission . . . . .	1-360-753-1111
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-552-3565
Puget Sound Water Quality . . . . .	1-800-547-6863
Recycling Hotline (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-732-9253
Retirement Planning (DRS) . . . . .	1-888-711-6676
Revenue, Department of (REV) . . . . .	1-800-647-7706
Senior Information & Assistance . . . . .	1-800-562-0332
Social Security (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-772-1213
Sound Transit . . . . .	1-800-201-4900
Third Party Liability (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6188
Tourist Information Hotline . . . . .	1-800-544-1800
Unclaimed Property (REV) . . . . .	1-800-435-2429
Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) . . . . .	1-800-562-6150
Voter Information (SEC) . . . . .	1-800-448-4881
Washington Literacy . . . . .	1-800-323-2550
Water Works Certification Prog . . . . .	1-800-525-2536
Welfare Fraud Hotline (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6906
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